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Remarks

This Amendment after Final is based on a telephone conference with Examiner Coulter held on January 11, 2002, in which the specific limitation of transposing a first set of files to a second set, fewer in number than the first set, was discussed at some length.

The applicant believes that the limitation of reducing the number of files is not taught in the references cited or applied, and proposed to reword the claims to make this limitation more apparent in the claim language. Those amendments to the claims are made in this Amendment after Final, and the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the amended claims, and that the case be passed quickly to issue.

If there are any time extensions needed beyond any extension specifically requested with this amendment, such extension of time is hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with this amendment, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

In the claims:

17. (Twice Amended) A computing system comprising:

a client; [and]

a server [having server control routines and] connected to the client by a data link; and

control routines executing on the server, the control routines determining, upon a request to download a first set of files by a client, one or both of hardware or software characteristics of the client, transposing data, including HTML files, without further negotiation with the client, into a second set of files fewer in number than the first set of files, and transmitting the transposed data to the client in a form specifically adapted to the characteristics of the client.

[wherein the server control routines, upon a request to download by a client, determine one or both of hardware or software characteristics of the client, transpose data, including HTML files, without further negotiation with the client, and transmit the transposed data to the client in a form specifically adapted to the characteristics of the client, and wherein, in the transposing, a first set of files is transposed into a second set of files fewer in number than the first set of files.]

23. (Twice Amended) A server in a client-server system comprising:

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a data port adapted for connecting to a client;

a facility for accessing data, including HTML files to be transferred to the client; and

control routines [for managing data preparation and transfer to the client:] determining, upon a request to download a first set of files by a client, one or both of hardware or software characteristics of the client, transposing data, including HTML files, without further negotiation with the client into a second set of files fewer in number than the first set of files, and transferring the transposed data to the client in a form specifically adapted to the characteristics of the client.

[wherein the control routines establish hardware or software characteristics of the client and, in response to a download request from the client, prepare and transmit data to the client in a form specifically adapted to the characteristics of the client, and wherein the control routines, in preparing the data for transfer to the client, transpose, without further negotiation with the client, a first set of files into a second set of files fewer in number than the first set of files before transferring the data to the client.]

29. (Twice Amended) A method for transferring data, including a first set of HTML files, [originally comprising multiple files by a server to a client,] comprising the steps of:

(a) determining at the server, upon a request to download the first set of files by a client, specific hardware or software characteristics of the client;

(b) transposing the data, without further negotiation with the client, according to the specific characteristics of the client, [including reducing the number of files comprising the data] and into a second set of files fewer in number than the first set of files; and

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(c) transferring the [transposed data] <u>second set of files</u> to the client over a
data link connecting the client to the server.

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